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## STOLE SUPPLIES.

The Goods Sent to Spokane After the Big Fire Appropriated by the City's Boodlers.

Arrest, Confession and Escape of One of the Leading Members of the Combine.

Warrants Out for the Arrest of Two Mem-

**graceful Story.**

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**SPOKANE FALLS, Sept. 16.**—[Special to the Independent.]—Exposures in the most disgraceful scandal in the history of Washington were made to-day. On account of the terrible fire that occurred Aug. 4, thousands of dollars worth of provisions were sent here from all parts of the country for the relief of the sufferers. The supplies were taken charge of by the relief commit-

obtained from persons authorized to perform that duty. Subsequently it was discovered that crookedness had been practiced, and that Robert Ingles, an employee of the city, had been found guilty of stealing goods and selling them to grocers and others, had left the city. Chief of Police Warren traced him to Culico, Cala, and brought him back. He then made the startling statement that a conspiracy had been formed among the officials and others for the appropriation of relief supplies on a large scale. Ingles' examination was continued until he-day and he was released on \$500 bail. He made written and verbal statements and was held in jail all day night reiterated his oft repeated declaration that he intended to stand his trial.

crime of which he was accused, still claiming that he was acting under orders in all his actions. He was not called before the committee. Persons who were watching his movements suspected Saturday night that he had been bought off and was being released. He was not seen until he was taken and as he failed to appear in court to-day it was presumed that he left. He was seen at a late hour Saturday night in close company with a man named Waters, member of the city council and commissary-general on Brigadier-General Custer's staff, with whom he was well acquainted. Waters was exceedingly officious during the time the city was under martial law succeeding the fire, and assisting in the suppression of the riotous liberty, although it is not known where he obtained authority to do so.

The relief committee and a number of prominent citizens were called to-day with closed doors and Buck & Winston were employed by the relief committee to ascertain the truth of the charges and to collect testimony. They presented a report implicating Councilmen Waters and Dueser, Police Officer Gillespie and others. The report stated that \$10,000 of the dollars worth of goods had been stolen and

londs of him and other commodities had been taken out in orders for the relief of "a sick man on the island," and one order for \$10 had been raised to \$100, the goods delivered to a professional man, but afterward taken away from him upon the discovery of the forgery. The meeting resolved to protect the city's good name by prosecuting to the full extent of the law all who are suspected of complicity in the in-

relief funds for that purpose. Accordingly a large sum was subscribed to employ J. B. Jones and T. H. Graves as additional counsel, and make the law firm of the ablest lawyers in the city. Warrants were sworn out by A. M. Cannon, chairman of the relief committee, for the arrest of Sidney D. Waters, and Duke D. Waters, both of Chicago, on the charge of grand larceny. The arrests will be made to-night.

It is understood other warrants will be sworn out against the same party. Being suspected that a conspiracy existed in the council for the purpose of toodlie, and a permanent citizens committee was organized, and the city council was called in conference of official misconduct of any character. President Taylor, of the board of trade, in his speech openly expressed the opinion that the city was being run at a cost at least \$100,000 a year. The people keenly feel the disgrace that has fallen upon the city, and are determined to let no man who has disgraced himself by such a crime as that of Sidney D. Waters will surely be courtmartialled for conduct unbecoming an officer. Both he and his brother will be required to resign as members of the city council.

**STUCK BY LIGHTNING.**

**Two Girls Met Sudden Death in a Little Church Near Columbus, Ind.**

COLUMBUS, Ind., September 16.—While the people of this city were being deluged with a small frame church, five miles south of this city, yesterday, lightning struck the

striking and instantly killing two girls, both aged six, who were sitting together in the front row. The other children in the class were badly stunned but not seriously injured. The names of the children were Mary Hockeier and Addie.

At Hartford City a tent in which Elder Aspy had been holding meetings was entirely demolished and a panic was caused by the explosion. The tent was a large one. The large center pole of the tent fell in the front of the tent and the people who were seated on the benches were thrown to the ground. The elements could be heard shrieking from the clouds. The people were so frightened that the audience crept in from beneath the canvas and hid themselves.

No people were seriously hurt, though many had narrow escapes from suffocation.

—W. A. WALKER.

DEAR AUNT, Sept. 15.—Major William Warren was cloistered over an hour with President Harrison last night and left early this morning. He came to explain

**Marshall Nagle Discharged.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—Judge Sawyer in the United States circuit court this morning rendered a decision in the habeas corpus case of Deputy Marshal David Nagle and discharged Nagle from custody. A bill of exceptions filed by the counsel for the state was allowed by the court and pending an appeal to the United States supreme court, Nagle was ordered released on his own recognizance, with bonds fixed at \$5,000.

St. Paul, Sept. 16.—At 10:47 o'clock today in the Sullwaver penitentiary, Bob Younger, the youngest of the notorious Younger brothers, who were sentenced to life imprisonment for murder in connection with the robbery of the Northfield bank, died of consumption from which he has been wasting away for some weeks and on account of which his pardon was recently asked of the governor but not granted.

**Cheers For Diaz.**

CITY OF MEXICO, Sept. 16.—To-day, the anniversary of Mexico's independence, was celebrated throughout the country. Immense crowds filled the streets of this city. President Diaz as the "Apostle of the Race."